

§ 19.277

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§ 19.277 Measuring devices and proofing instruments.

(a) *General.* Proprietors shall provide for their own use accurate hydrometers, thermometers, and other necessary equipment to determine proof or volume.

(b) *Instruments.* Hydrometers and thermometers used by proprietors to gauge spirits shall show subdivisions or graduations of proof and temperature which are at least as delimited as those prescribed in 27 CFR part 30. Proprietors shall make frequent tests of their hydrometers and thermometers, and, if they appear to be in error in excess of one subdivision, the instruments shall not be used until they are further tested and certified as accurate by the manufacturer or another qualified person.

(c) *Meters.* The regional director (compliance) may approve applications to measure spirits by meter for purposes other than tax determination. Applications shall include sufficient technical data, such as the make, model and accuracy tolerance, to enable the regional director (compliance) to evaluate the suitability of the meter for its intended use. Corrections for temperature of the spirits being measured shall be made in conjunction with the volumetric measurement of spirits by meter. If a meter does not have a temperature compensating feature, temperature correction shall be ascertained and made from a representative sample taken from the spirits being measured.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1358, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5204))

§ 19.278 Identification of structures, areas, apparatus, and equipment.

(a) Each room or enclosed area where spirits, denatured spirits, articles, wine, distilling or fermenting materials, or containers are held, and each building, within the plant, shall be appropriately marked with a distinguishing number or letter.

(b) Each tank or receptacle for spirits, denatured spirits, or wine shall be marked to show a unique serial number and capacity.

(c) Each still, fermenter, cooker, and yeast tank shall be numbered and marked to show its use.

(d) All other major equipment used for processing or containing spirits, denatured spirits, or wine, or distilling or fermenting material, and all other tanks, shall be identified as to use unless the intended purpose is readily apparent.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1353, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5178))

§ 19.279 Office facilities.

(a) If the regional director (compliance) assigns on a continuing basis an ATF officer to a plant to supervise operations, the proprietor shall provide an office at the distilled spirits plant for the exclusive use of ATF officers in performing their duties. The office shall be provided with adequate office furniture, lighting, ventilation, heating, and toilet and lavatory facilities. A secure cabinet, fitted for locking with a Government lock and of adequate size, shall also be provided by the proprietor. The office, facilities, and equipment provided by the proprietor shall be subject to the approval of the regional director (compliance). Where suitable facilities are otherwise available, the regional director (compliance) may waive the requirements for a separate Government office.

(b) If an ATF officer is not assigned to a plant on a continuing basis, the regional director (compliance) may require the proprietor to provide for Government use a cabinet as specified in paragraph (a) of this section.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1353, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5178))

§ 19.280 Signs.

The proprietor shall place and keep conspicuously on the outside of his place of business a sign showing the name of the proprietor and denoting the business, or businesses, in which engaged.

(Sec. 201, Pub. L. 85-859, 72 Stat. 1355, as amended (26 U.S.C. 5180))

§ 19.281 Security.

(a) *General.* The proprietor shall provide adequate security measures at the distilled spirits plant to protect the revenue.

(b) *Buildings.* The buildings, rooms, and partitions shall be constructed of